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FOURTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449, a copy of which is enclosed.

The listed document was cited in an Office Action issued in a counterpart Chinese application. A copy of the Office Action is also enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 6,234,966, which was also cited in the Office Action, is not cited in this Fourth Information Disclosure Statement because it was already cited in the Third Information Disclosure Statement filed on April 5, 2005.

For the concise explanation of relevance of the listed document, the Examiner is referred to the enclosed English-language Abstract therefor.

FORMAL MATTERS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Office Action on the merits of the subject application has not yet been issued, neither a statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) nor payment of a fee is required for consideration of this Fourth Information Disclosure Statement.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned, indicating that such information has been considered.

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